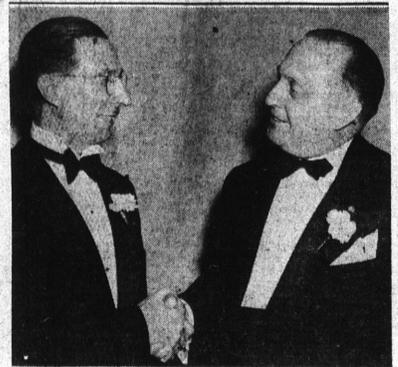


KIWANIS CLUB GETS NEW OFFICERS AT DINNER-DANCE



EXPRESSING KIWANIS FELLOWSHIP . . . That handclasp being exchanged above by President Dean Seares of the Torrance Kiwanis club and Roger Marshall of Santa Monica, Kiwanis lieutenant-governor, following Seares' installation Monday night was expressive of the local club's gala party.

Nearly 100 Kiwanians, their ladies and guests attended the local service club's 13th annual installation dinner party Monday night at the Lakewood Country club in Long Beach. The affair began as a gala dinner, progressed through brief installation ceremonies with Roger Marshall, governor of this Kiwanis division, as installing officer and ended in a dance to melodies provided by an eight-piece orchestra.

President Earl Conner, in one of the briefest "swan songs" of record, ended his year of office and Dean Seares, manager of the Torrance branch Bank of America, took over the presiding duties in another short talk. Marshall, who was accompanied by his charming wife, inducted the other new officers of the club: Michael Strasser, first vice-president; Dudley Polhemus, second vice-president; Edward Brunner,

secretary-treasurer, and Gaston Arco, Harwood Clark, John Miller, Ernest Murchison, William Nye, William Rojo and Leonard Young, directors.

Eight of the club's 12 past-presidents received Conner into their membership when the post-master was turned over to the ranks of his "bone-boys." They were: Charles C. Schultz, C. T. Rippey, Henry F. Uibrigh, Dr. R. F. Bishop, L. J. Gilmeister, Alden W. Smith, William B. Shawyer and Robert J. Deimler. Headed by President and Mrs. Harry Abramson, a number of local Torranians and their wives were among the guests.

Torrance Building is High in Southland Cities for Past Year

Torrance stood ninth in the list of Southern California, other Pacific Coast localities and the Southwest for new building construction in 1933! This was revealed Sunday with the publication of the construction index by the Los Angeles Times.

The record-breaking building year in this city (which more than doubles the 1932 total) was only topped by such cities as Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego, Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, Santa Monica and Beverly Hills.

Here is the comparative 1932 and 1933 tabulations for all cities reporting in the "million dollar" class:

City	Year 1932	Year 1933
Los Angeles	\$67,826,069	\$63,170,944
Long Beach	11,508,480	3,275,505
San Diego	2,229,950	2,229,950
Burbank	5,080,452	3,283,696
Glendale	4,915,344	5,129,880
Pasadena	3,583,173	4,121,376
Santa Monica	3,425,510	3,615,136
Beverly Hills	3,147,120	4,898,680
TORRANCE	3,143,873	1,066,167
Alhambra	2,773,888	2,467,917
Fresno	2,584,916	3,038,150
San Bernardino	2,526,445	2,154,847
San Gabriel	2,458,235	2,431,185
Montebello	1,915,385	2,505,037
Santa Barbara	1,896,345	1,865,510
Santa Ana	1,824,087	1,224,631
South Gate	1,287,445	2,226,309
Vernon	1,286,445	1,286,445
Riverside	1,245,065	890,154
Pomona	1,157,875	619,428
Whittier	1,053,078	2,051,236
Culver City	1,048,110	635,656
Huntington Park	1,014,499	1,488,581
Compton	1,011,312	752,711

L. A. Senator Proposes Bill for Voting by Mail

All voting would be done by mail in California under a bill introduced in the 1933 Legislature by Los Angeles county's senator, Robert W. Kenny. The new senator's plan would eliminate all polling places and election board workers, effecting a considerable saving of the taxpayers' money.

It is claimed, Compensation cost \$432,000 for these workers at the 1932 primary and general election.

Each registered voter would be mailed his official ballot, with an extra one to be used if one was spoiled, about three weeks before the election. Postmen would deliver these, by registered mail, to the address only, at the address given, returning it otherwise.

The voter would have about two weeks to study his ballot, mark it and return it, signing his name on the outside of a sealed envelope. This signature would be checked at the registrar's office with the signature on the great register of voters, and if it did not compare, would not be counted.

Cost: 25 Cents Each

Postage on return envelopes would be paid by the county, and all ballots would have to be in the hands of the county clerk at least one week before the date of the election. Ballots could be marked with ink or indelible pencil, as may be done now in school district elections.

On the day of the election, the (Continued on Page 2-A)

Mayor Reveals Six-Point Civic Program

Building Boom Appears Likely to Continue Here

With the first of the two most recent major construction jobs scheduled to be completed, the latter part of this month when the Safeway Stores will occupy the large structure at the corner of E. Prado and Sartori, the building boom will under way here this week. The second large building under construction is the Ritz theatre on Cravens avenue and it is expected to be finished in about a month.

Building permits issued to date so far this year have amounted to \$16,600, according to records at the engineers' office. Indicating that the South Torrance oil field is still in the active stage, permits for two new wooden derricks and for the placement of three large oil tanks were issued during the week.

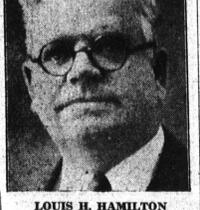
Workers are rushing the Safeway store to completion. Most of the heavy construction work has been finished, with that remains is the decoration and installation of lighting fixtures, equipment and furnishings. The theatre project is making good headway, according to Sam Levy, the owner. Considerable work remains, however, before the painters and decorators may begin their finishing touches.

First 1939 Permits

Building permits were issued to the following since Jan. 1: W. R. Frowner for 20 ft. by 14 ft. 18 foot frame garage at 2379 239th, \$50; Kern Petroleum Corporation for a wooden derrick at 2389 236th, \$2,000; Alfred O. Young for an addition to a room at 1803 Gramercy, \$350; C. C. M. O. Kettler No. 12 for repairs to a wooden derrick on the Kettler property in East Torrance, \$1,800; Whittier-Santa Fe Springs Oil Syndicate for two 1,500-barrel oil tanks placed at 1820 237th, \$1,000, and T. W. Wilson for a one-room frame garage building at 2350 227th, \$250.

Harbor Chambers Meet Here Tonight to Install Officers

Dinner at 6:30 in Auditorium



LOUIS H. HAMILTON becomes 1939 president

MORE TAXES DUE JAN. 20

With second installment county taxes, due January 20, Collector H. L. Byram announced today that first installment collections totalled \$70,541,254, representing 57.9 percent of the total to be collected.

Less than \$10,000,000 of the total represents personal property taxes, which are added to first installment tax bills only when the taxpayer owns real property. Otherwise, personal property taxes are due and payable the first Monday in March and become delinquent on November 1, with a penalty of eight percent added thereafter.

GRADUATION IS FEB. 2

The Winter class of 1939, consisting of about 30 students, will be the first to graduate in the new Torrance high school assembly hall. The exercises will be held three weeks from today, Thursday, Feb. 2, according to Principal Thomas H. Elson.

This group of graduates will be qualified for consideration for the honor when several Ephemians will be chosen next June.

Accused Driver In Court Friday

William H. Butterworth, 38, of 4934 Hickman Drive, North Torrance, is scheduled to be arraigned tomorrow morning in Superior Court on the felony charge of hit-and-run driving. He was held to answer this accusation following a preliminary hearing in the city courtroom here last Dec. 28.

Butterworth is accused of driving the car which struck and seriously injured DeVona Boardman, 18, of 1505 Hawthorne boulevard, on the night of Dec. 20.

Brothers Jailed for Stealing Scrap Metal

Two brothers, John, 19, and Robert Skiff, 24, of Bell placed guilty Tuesday to stealing scrap iron at the Columbia Steel plant Monday night. They were sentenced to 30 days in the county jail. The young men were arrested by motor officers after watchmen observed them pilfering the metal.

700 EDISON MASONS WILL CONVENE HERE SATURDAY

The Civic Auditorium will be the scene Saturday of the annual meeting of the Edison Masonic club, an organization of Masons affiliated with the Southern California Edison company. Seven hundred men from all parts of southern and central California are expected to be present.

Stroh Conferring With Legislators

Director John Stroh of the Public Safety department, who is president of the Peace Officers Civil Service Association of California, is in Sacramento conferring with state legislators over civil service bills now before the Assembly. He left yesterday morning, accompanied by Police Chief Charles J. Miller of Lynwood and A. Beldon Gilbert, secretary of the Association.

Harry J. Bauer . . . president and principal

WANTS TO LEARN PUBLIC REACTION TO IMPROVEMENTS

A broad program of civic improvements covering a wide range of interests and involving a considerable (un-estimated) expenditure of public funds was outlined by Mayor William H. Tolson yesterday noon before a representative group of Torrance citizens. Among the projects proposed for the current year by Mayor Tolson are:

BUTTON SALE TO REPLACE F. D. R. BALL

A decision to abandon local observance of the President's Birthday Ball and to concentrate all fund-raising effort for relief of infantile paralysis victims on the sale of "March of Dimes" buttons was voted by a representative group of 28 citizens who were guests of Postmaster Charles E. Conner at Daniel's cafe on Jan. 10. (The list of guests is printed elsewhere in this issue.)

Plans for a city-wide campaign for the sale of buttons were outlined by Chairman Conner and committee appointed as follows: Finance, J. W. Post, Dean Seares, Judge Robt. Lessing; City Employees, Mayor Wm. H. Tolson, A. H. Bartlett and John Stro; Industrial, Carl Steele and Frank Gamble; Retail district, George Peckham; Organizations, Mrs. M. L. Miller; Churches, Rev. H. G. Banks, General sales, J. V. Murray; publicity, Torrance Herald.

It was emphasized by those present at the luncheon that all money raised by the sale of "March of Dimes" buttons would go to relief of infantile paralysis victims and research work to eradicate the dread disease, and that none of the money would be used to defray expenses as in the case with President's Birthday balls. The button campaign would be much more general and it is the aim of the committee to sell a dime button to every resident of Torrance. Those who would not wish to sell a button are invited to attend the balls being given in Lomita or elsewhere.

Favors Cabrillo Deal

In outlining his plans, Tolson pointed out the necessity for providing a method for diverting Western avenue traffic through Torrance and to encourage more traffic on this highway besides that which stops in Torrance. He stated that the city's engineering department had made rough estimates of the costs of the various projects but he did not disclose what these figures were.

Donate Dance Receipts

"The Coordinating Council will donate the profits of one of its weekly dances to the infantile paralysis fund," John E. Miller, president, stated, and "we will make it our aim to sell a large number of adult tickets, which we don't expect will be used." Tom McNeil was named chairman of the adult ticket sale and Attorney John Shidner was made chairman of entertainment at the student dance.

Comer Is Host

Mayor Tolson plans for his sounding board in announcing his plans a group of 28 citizens representing various organizations who were guests of Postmaster Charles E. Conner at lunch at Daniel's Cafe yesterday to inaugurate the "March of Dimes" campaign to raise funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, half of which money will be retained in this area for relief of victims of the dread disease. Among those present were the organizations represented were: Dr. Alden W. Smith and L. J. (Continued on Page 2-A)

License Plate Office Busy But Not Crowded

More than 2,000 sets of license plates have been issued from the local branch of the Department of Motor Vehicles at 1601 Gramercy, corner of Cabrillo, since it opened Jan. 3, according to Leonard Tristram, manager.

He said that at least double that number of license applications can be handled here without the necessity of standing in line for the plates. The office is open every day except Sunday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. As at all temporary branch offices no out-of-state licenses can be issued here.

Lomitas Plan President's Ball

Lomita community leaders, headed by Coy Farquhar have formed plans for Lomita's annual President's Birthday Ball for infantile paralysis sufferers on Jan. 30. The gala affair will probably be held at the Odd Fellows hall on Roosevelt highway.

Farquhar, who has been chairman of the Birthday Ball in Lomita for the past two years, plans to call a formal committee meeting soon after he has held conferences with club leaders who have aided the festivities in the past.

Recreational facilities of the (Continued on Page 5-A)